

App. No. 10/073,670  
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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

Described is a system and mechanism by which a client computer may issue a conventional request for a resource on the Web. A response to that request is annotated with information indicating that metadata is available for the resource. Specifically, a special tag or instruction may be included in the response document that indicates the existence and location of a discovery document containing metadata about the resource. The client computer may then retrieve the metadata from the location identified in the response. ~~Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the present invention enables a lightweight mechanism for discovering metadata about a resource without a need for extensive reprogramming of the resource or the addition of other resources specifically to indicate that metadata may exist for the resource.~~